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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 8, 2007, this Amendment and Response is submitted. No additional fees are believed to be required. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this submission; and

Conclusions begin on page 9 of this submission.